GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CEMENT INDUSTRY
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problems being faced by the cement industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to revive the cement industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)
(a)&(b): The problems faced by cement industry are mainly due to:-
i) Heavy burden of taxes/levies
ii) Inadequacy of the infrastructure facilities needed for the growth of the industry.
iii) Poor Growth of demand.

(c): Cement industry is decontrolled and delicensed. Government is providing infrastructural support to cement industry to maximise cement production. Rail wagons are provided to cement plants on priority basis to supply cement to deficit areas.